1.91% to 3.07% and 3.88% to 4.19% respectively

(b) The Government does not share the view that there is an increase in the incidence of violence in the rural areas of the country. It will be incorrect to correlate violence and unemployment in any case. Unemployment can only be one of the several contributing factors to the cause of violence.

(c) and (d). The Government is already implementing several schemes in the rural areas to provide employment to the unemployed rural persons. Details of special employment programmes being implemented by the Ministry of rural Development are given in the following paragraph.

An allocation of Rs 2100 crores for the current financial year has been made by the central Government to provide additional gainful wage unemployment opportunities to the able-bodied rural poor willing to do manual work. Besides, an amount of Rs.703.61 crores has been allocated for the current physical year under Integrated Rural development Programme, which provides assistance in the form of subsidy to the rural poor to enable them to purchase assets which can help them in generating employment/income for coming out of the poverty trap.

[*English*]

Financial Crunch In Sugar Industry

6563. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent sudden credit squeeze and the increase in the rate of interest are threatening the sugar industry with a financial crunch;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is likely to affect the cultivation of sugarcane and the production of sugar in the country in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and(b). The rates of interest were increased and certain restrictions imposed on cash credit facilities by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However the restrictions on cash credit facilities have subsequently been relaxed for sugar industry by the RBI vide circular dated August 1, 1991. A copy of the aforesaid circular of the SBI is attached as statement.

(c) It is not possible to assess at present the likely impact of the aforesaid measures on sugarcane cultivation and production of sugar in the country in the coming years.

STATEMENT

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
INDUSTRIAL & EXPORT CREDIT DEPARTMENT
CENTRAL OFFICE,
CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING
POST BAG 10030
BOMBAY - 400 023

Ref. IECD.No. 8/PMD/C.446(PL)-91/92
August 1, 1991
Sravana 10,1913 (SAKA)

To

All Scheduled Commercial Banks

Dear Sirs,

Restriction of Drawals under large cash credit limits-Sugar Industry

Please refer to circulars No. CPC. BC.113/279A-91 dated May 8, 1991, IECD No.PMD.55/

C,446(PL)-90/91 dated May 9,1991 and IECD No. PMD.59/C.446(PL)-90/91 dated June 4, 1991, covering among others the operating instructions on implementation of restriction of drawals under large cash credit limits in case of borrowers engaged in manufacture/processing of sugar.

2. It has now been decided that for the period, May 9 to September 30,1991, banks may sanction additional credit limits to those sugar mills, which have accumulated sugar stock at higher level during 1990-91 crushing season compared to 1989-90 crushing season, subject to usual margin and other conditions, provided banks are satisfied about the need of the concerned unit for higher credit. Banks are advised to ensure that the amount of additional credit so sanctioned and disbursed to sugar mills will be utilised only for the purpose of paying dues to the cane growers and under no circumstances such additional credit should be used for financing losses or diversion of funds. Further, the additional credit limits, if any, so sanctioned should not exceed the maximum permissible bank finance arrived at on the basis of the cash budget,

3. Please bring the above instructions to the notice of your Offices immediately.

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,
Chief Officer,
Sd/-
(Jagdish Capoor)
Chief Officer.

C B I Cases from Kerala

6564. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered from Kerala by Central Bureau of Investigation during 1990 and 1991;

(b) the number of cases investigated by CBI during last three years relating to Kerala; and

(c) the number of cases pending with the CBI from Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The CBI has registered 33 cases in 1990 and 22 cases in 1991 (upto 31.8.91).respectively in Kerala State.

(b) CBI had investigated 126 cased during 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 (upto 31.8.91) The year-wise breakup of the cases investigated is as under:-

Year	Cases
1988	34
1989	36
1990	35
1991	21
(upto 31.8./91)	126

(c) As on 31.8.91, 21 cases pertaining to Kerala are pending investigation with the CBI.

World Bank Loan to Bihar State Agricultural Marketing Council

6565. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: